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SPIDER-GWEN: SHADOW CLONES

WHEN TEENAGER GWEN STACY SUITS UP IN HER SYNTHETIC SYMBIOTIC SUIT, SHE GAINS AMAZING POWERS: A PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES AND THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED AND STRENGTH OF A SPIDER. NOW SHE USES HER POWERS FOR GOOD AS THE SUPER HERO CALLED GHOST-SPIDER. BUT YOU KNOW HER AS...

SPIDER-GWEN: SHADOW CLONES

GWEN STACY HAS BEEN ENJOYING HER LIFE, A PART-TIME JOB, A NEW CRUSH AND, OF COURSE, HER USUAL HEROICS AS GHOST-SPIDER!

RECENTLY, GWEN HAD A RUN-IN WITH THE DISPLACED SINISTER SIX OF EARTH-616, BUT SHE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN SENDING THEM BACK TO THEIR OWN DIMENSION. UNFORTUNATELY, THANKS TO A DELAYED VULTURE BOMB, A CITIZEN, DOCTOR LEE BENNETT DIED.

MONTHS LATER, GHOST-SPIDER RAN INTO A MANIPULATED CLONE OF HERSELF MIXED WITH DOC OCK! AFTER DISLODGING THE DEVICE CONTROLLING THE CLONE, BOTH GWENS RUSHED TO KID GENIUS REED RICHARDS IN HOPE OF FINDING OUT ANSWERS ABOUT THE MANIPULATION DEVICES AND THE CLONES.

THE GWENS WERE SOON AMBUSHED BY ANOTHER GWEN CLONE DUBBED SANDGWEN. NOW FREE OF HER DEVICE, SANDGWEN AND THE OTHERS RECONVENE TO DISCUSS THEIR NEXT MOVE.

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A CLONE? I'M A CLONE?!

GWEN STACY.
A.K.A. Ghost-Spider.
The O.G. Gwen.

SANDGWEN.
A clone of Gwen Stacy mixed with the villain Sandman of Earth-616.

I KNOW. I WAS ALSO FREAKING WHEN I FOUND OUT.

DOC OCK GWEN.
Another Gwen clone mixed with Doctor Octopus of Earth-616.

WELL, I'M FREAKING TIMES TWO.

FREAK NOT. WE HAVE EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED: ANOTHER HALO. NOW REED CAN FIND US SOME ANSWERS, SO LET'S JUST GET THIS TO HIM AND WE'LL BE GOLD.

I DO LIKE GOLD.

WE ALL LIKE GOLD.

LATER THAT DAY, OUTSIDE REED RICHARDS' APARTMENT.

REED RICHARDS.
Boy genius.

I'M GOING TO USE THE EQUIPMENT AT MY SCHOOL LAB TO TRY TO TRIANGULATE AN ORIGIN POINT FOR THE TRANSMISSION SIGNAL CONTROLLING THESE HALOS.

I'LL CALL WHEN I HAVE SOMETHING.

WHAT NOW? WE JUST WAIT?

NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO.

I'M NOT GOOD AT WAITING. ***SOMEONE*** OUT THERE DID THIS TO ME. DID THIS TO ***US.***

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. WHEN I FIND OUT WHO'S BEHIND THIS...

OH, I KNOW WHO THIS PERSON IS. THEY'RE THE SAME KIND OF PEOPLE I GREW UP SURROUNDED BY: ***BULLIES.*** SOMEONE WHO TAKES ADVANTAGE OF OTHERS AND THINKS THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH IT. WITHOUT PUNISHMENT.

THESE MUST BE SANDMAN MEMORIES CODED INTO HER.

THAT'S WHY ***I*** LEARNED TO ***BE*** THE PUNISHMENT.

RELAX, MS. KILL BILL. I'M ALL FOR SMASHING AND BASHING, BUT THE KEY IS TO STAY FOCUSED. ESTABLISH THE UPPER HAND. MAKE SURE EVERYONE KNOWS ***YOU'RE*** THE PERSON IN CHARGE.

THAT'S HOW YOU COME OUT ON TOP, NO MATTER THE SITUATION. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO CRUSHING LESSER BEINGS.

THAT'S YOUR DOC OCK PERSONALITY TALKING.

AND IT'S NOT REALLY RELEVANT RIGHT NOW.

OH, REALLY?

GWEN... WHERE DID YOU SAY YOU WORKED AGAIN?

HEY, GWEN! COOL OUTFIT. DID YOU TAKE CARE OF THAT THING THAT WAS TYING YOU UP?

I THOUGHT SHE JUST WANTED A SMOOTHIE! WHY IS SHE MAKING CONVERSATION WITH MATEO?!

SHH, I'M TRYING TO LISTEN.

LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE. I LIKE YOU, MATEO, AND I KNOW YOU LIKE ME TOO.

OH, ER--

SEE, I'VE GOT A BUSY LIFE. REALLY BUSY. SO IF YOU WANT THIS TO WORK OUT BETWEEN US, YOU HAVE TO KEEP UP.

AND YOU HAVE TO BE OKAY WITH THE FACT THAT MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS GHOST-SPIDER WILL COME FIRST AND YOU'LL COME SECOND. COOL?

UM...

THAT'S FINE BY ME. I THINK IT'S COOL YOU'RE ALL GIRL BOSS.

COOL. I'LL TEXT YOU.

WHOA...

SHE DID NOT JUST DO THAT.

SEE? ALL ABOUT LETTING THEM KNOW YOU'RE IN CHARGE.
THAT WAS...
...BADASS.
SO... WHEN'S THE DATE?
THAT'S UP TO YOU. YOU HAVE THE UPPER HAND NOW.
OH GOD. HOW AM I GOING TO FACE HIM AFTER THAT?
I WISH I HAD YOUR CONFIDENCE.
YOU DO. IF I HAVE IT, YOU HAVE IT. THAT'S ONE OF THE PERKS OF PARTIALLY BEING YOUR REPLICA.
IF YOU WANT, I CAN GO ON THE DATE FOR YOU. THAT'S ANOTHER PERK.
HAHAHA
WOW. THIS IS...FUN. I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I SAID THAT. ABOUT ANYTHING.
AND ALL IT TOOK WAS BONDING TIME WITH A BUNCH OF MY CLONES.
BZZT BZZT
HEY, REED. HIT ME WITH SOME GOOD NEWS.

THE GOOD NEWS IS YOUR FRIEND IS STILL ALIVE...

THE QUESTION IS FOR HOW LONG. THAT'S GOING TO BE UP TO YOU.

WHO IS THIS?!

I'M DISAPPOINTED. YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THE HALOS HAD TRACKERS.

HOW DO YOU THINK THE SAND CREATURE FOUND YOU THE FIRST TIME?

HOW DO YOU THINK ***WE*** FOUND THE BOY?

I'M TEXTING YOU SOME COORDINATES. BRING THE QUANTUM POWER SOURCE THAT YOU INTERCEPTED FROM THE SAND BEAST IMMEDIATELY.

AND COME ***ALONE***...OR ELSE THE NEXT CALL IS GOING TO BE BAD NEWS. VERY BAD.

WHO WAS IT?

ANOTHER CLONE. SHE HAS REED.

WHAT?!

THEY WANT ME TO BRING THE POWER SUPPLY TO THEM. IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS LIFE.

THEN LET'S GO. WE CAN--

NO. I'M GOING BY MYSELF.

THAT'S A TERRIBLE IDEA.

BUT THAT'S HOW IT HAS TO BE.

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER. PEOPLE CLOSE TO ME ALWAYS GET HURT...

GWEN, WE'RE NOT LIKE OTHER PEOPLE...

WE CAN TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES...

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU HAVE POWERS OR NOT. WHENEVER I LET PEOPLE INTO MY LIFE, THEY GET HURT.

SOMETIMES MY ENEMIES USE THEM AGAINST ME, SOMETIMES BAD THINGS JUST HAPPEN TO THEM...

GWEN, **WE KNOW.** WE KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO LOSE PEOPLE. TO LOSE PETER...

THEN YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND...

"...THAT I NEED TO DO THINGS *ALONE.*"

NEW YORK CITY GRAVEYARD.

BENNETT LEE

WELCOME.

SET THE POWER SUPPLY ON THE GROUND AND BACK AWAY.

I KNOW THE DRILL. NOW GIVE ME REED.

LITTLE BOY, TIME FOR YOU TO GET GOIN'!

HNN.

ARE YOU OKAY?!

I'M FINE.

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

RICHARDS IS FREE TO GO. BUT YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, ***YOU'RE*** COMING WITH US.

A TRAP... FIGURES.

WHY ARE BAD GUYS ALWAYS SO PREDICTABLE?

RUN.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?!

JUST GO.

I'LL HANDLE THESE GOONS. OR, RATHER, THESE GWENS. THESE GWEN GOONS.

KRAVEN, GRAB THE POWER SOURCE! RHINO, FLANK HER LEFT SIDE!

IS IT WEIRD THAT I'M GETTING USED TO DEALING WITH MULTIPLE GWENS?

UMPH!

TIME TO CRUSH A SPIDER!

OH CRAP.

THIS IS GONNA HURT...

CRASH

C'MON, GWEN. GET UP. IT WAS ONLY A HALF-TON BLOCK OF CONCRETE.

=GASP=

I INTEND TO MAKE THIS AS PAINFUL AS POSSIBLE.

WHAM

HNN.

TIME TO FINISH HER OFF.

BUT BOSS WANTS HER ALIVE.

OH, SHE'LL LIVE.

SHING

WE'LL JUST GIVE HER A LITTLE... CARVING.

SO PATHETIC. IT'S EMBARRASSING TO THINK WE SHARE THE SAME DNA.

KLANG

THOOM

FUNNY. WE WERE THINKING THE SAME THING.

PMPH

I TOLD YOU GUYS NOT TO COME!

SLAM

IS THAT YOUR WAY OF SAYING THANK YOU?

JUST SHUT UP AND FIGHT!

WE ARE!

LITTLE WEB HELP HERE, GWEN?

GOT YOU, GWEN.

YOU TOO, GWEN.

GAHHH!

WELL...

I THINK THIS PROVES WHO THE "BETTER" GWENS ARE.

NOW WHAT?

NOW--

--WE REMOVE--

SLOSH

--THEIR HALOS--

ZZT ZZT ZZT

--AND--

GWEN, WATCH IT!

WHAT THE--?

THE NET-- IT WON'T BREAK!

IT'S MADE OF VIBRANIUM!

AARGHH!

GAH!

GWEN OCK! SANDGWEN! ARE YOU GUYS OKAY?

YOU ALWAYS BRING PAIN WHEREVER YOU GO, DON'T YOU, GWEN STACY?

WHO...?

AND YOU ALWAYS SEEM TO LEAVE THOSE AROUND YOU TO SUFFER.

THAT'S WHAT YOU DO. MAKE OTHERS PAY FOR YOUR ACTIONS. BUT NOT ANY-MORE. IT ENDS TODAY...

TODAY IS YOUR **JUDGMENT DAY.**

I'M **DOCTOR LYLA BENNETT...** YOU KILLED MY HUSBAND.

NEXT:
LYLA'S REVENGE

NEXT ISSUE:

SPIDER-GWEN TRAPPED!

THINGS ARE NOT LOOKING GOOD FOR SPIDER-GWEN! SHE'S BEING HELD PRISONER BY THE REMAINING GWEN CLONES! BUT DOCTOR LYLA BENNETT, THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE CLONES, HAS MORE UP HER SLEEVE FOR GWEN. REVENGE.

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